



# Fact Sheet

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## Home Heating Oil Tanks

- Home heating oil tanks are **not** regulated by DHEC's Underground Storage Tank Control Regulation (R.61-92).
- These tanks can cause problems as they age, by rusting and leaking into the surrounding ground.
- If you are using an oil storage tank that is more than 20 years old, DHEC recommends that you replace it.
- If you are not using the oil storage tank, DHEC recommends that you have it professionally removed.
- An alternative to removal is to drain the tank of any remaining fluid and fill it with sand, **inert foam** or concrete.
- Draining the tank alone is not enough, as the tank can collapse creating a dangerous hole in your yard.
- Remember to dispose of the fuel properly. It is illegal to dump fuel oil on or in the ground, storm drains, bodies of water, etc.
- **Never** open a heating oil tank with a torch. The vapors may cause an explosion.
- For help with tank draining and removal, go to:

[http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/html/ust\\_vendors.htm](http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/html/ust_vendors.htm)